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SUBJECT: ICRC CONFERENCE ON WEAPONS

REF: STATE 119953

SUMMARY: RESPONSIBLE MEA OFFICIAL SHARES US
OPPOSITION TO REOPENING PRG REPRESENTATION ISSUE
AT ICRC CONFERENCE ON WEAPONS AND WILL ATTEMPT
SHAPE FMG REPLY ACCORDINGLY. END SUMMARY.

1. IN ACCORDANCE REFTTEL, POLCOUNSELOR JUNE 11
RAISED PROBLEM OF PRG PARTICIPATION AT ICRC
CONFERENCE ON WEAPONS WITH MEA DIRECTOR INTER-
NATIONAL DEPARTMENT ADENIJI, AND URGED THAT FMG
RESPONSE TO ICRC NOTE (GENEVA 3096) OPPOSE
INVITATION TO PRG. POLCOUNSELOR PROVIDED
ADENIJI COPIES BOTH OF ICRC NOTE (WHICH HE HAD
NOT YET SEEN) AND OF USG REPLY CONTAINED STATE
112467.

2. ADENIJI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AT HAVING
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MATTER BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION, AND EXPRESSED

STRONG PERSONAL VIEW THAT QUESTION SHOULD BE
DISPOSED OF BY ACCEPTING DECISION OF DIPLOMATIC
CONFERENCE. HE SHARED USG VIEW THAT IT IS IN-
APPROPRIATE FOR ICRC TO RAISE PRG PARTICIPATION
ISSUE IN CONTEXT OF EXPERTS MEETING AFTER DIPLOMATIC
CONFERENCE TO WHICH FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE LINKED
HAS TAKEN POLITICAL DECISION TO CONTRARY, AND
SAID HE WOULD ENDEAVOR INCORPORATE THIS POSITION
IN FMG REPLY TO ICRC.

3. COMMENT: WHILE NIGERIA ABSTAINED ON
SUBSTANCE OF REPRESENTATION ISSUE AT DIPLOMATIC
CONFERENCE (GENEVA 1335) FOR POLITICAL REASONS,
QUESTION IS NOW POSED IN SUFFICIENTLY NARROW
TERMS THAT FMG MAY BE WILLING OPPOSE ICRC
REOPENING OF QUESTION ON STRICTLY JURIDICAL
GROUNDS. WILL ATTEMPT FOLLOW UP WITH ADENIJI
TO DETERMINE WHETHER INSTRUCTIONS SENT ALONG
FAVORABLE LINES HE PERSONALLY ADVOCATES.
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